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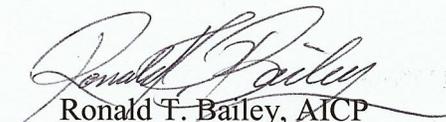
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In the past decade, Chester County has experienced the largest population growth in Pennsylvania. Our unprecedented growth has produced greater demands on our land, infrastructure, resources, and environment. We are challenged to think about new ways to accommodate growth while enhancing our unique character and our quality of life.

In 2009, the Chester County Commissioners adopted *Landscapes2* to provide a framework for concentrating population and employment growth in developed areas and preserving agricultural land and open space. *Landscapes2* calls for encouraging revitalization of our urban areas to create more sustainable communities. The plan recognizes that achieving the vision of *Landscapes2* requires working partnerships and recommends actions by Chester County, municipalities, citizens, institutions, organizations, and the private sector.

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) also envisions a more sustainable future for our region in *Connections*. This long-range plan calls for creating livable communities by focusing development in existing centers. DVRPC, in partnership with PennDOT, created the Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs (EGGS) grant program to help growing communities in Southeastern Pennsylvania improve growth management through better linkages between land use and transportation planning. Malvern Borough and East Whiteland Township in Chester County were selected to receive an EGGS grant to study the feasibility of the Malin Road Extension.

The Chester County Planning Commission commends Malvern Borough and East Whiteland Township for pursuing and completing the Malin Road Extension Feasibility Study. This multi-municipal planning effort explored the opportunities to improve connectivity and access to an urban center and regional train station. The study includes not only a feasibility analysis of a new connector roadway, but also presents potential opportunities for growth and redevelopment. The Malin Road Extension Feasibility Study demonstrates strong coordination of land use and transportation planning, which is a key to creating more sustainable communities and achieving the vision of *Landscapes2* and *Connections*.


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